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New Orleans Suspends Preferential Berth Fees. The Port of New Orleans Dock Board has abolished, as of June 1, preferential berth fees which provide 12 percent of the port's revenues. Preferential berth fees are paid by ship operators who want to guarantee a regular berth at a specific Mississippi River breakbulk wharf. The fees, which are not mandatory, do not apply to container facilities on the Gulf Outlet Canal. The fees raise an estimated \$3.5 million a year in revenue for the port.

U.S. Grain Exports Below 1985 Pace. U.S. grain exports are running lower than last year, despite a weaker U.S. dollar and a new export-oriented farm program. Early season loadings of corn and wheat at Great Lakes ports and river terminals are down from last year. Nationwide grain inspections for export shipments were down 28 percent through May 1 compared to the previous marketing year. Economic forecasts suggest that the decline in the dollar should lead to increased U.S. grain exports in the next year. U.S. grain exports in terms of value could run about \$28 billion this year compared to last year's \$31.2 billion.

Coast Guard Proposes Increase for Lakes Pilotage Rates. The Coast Guard wants to increase U.S. Great Lakes pilotage rates by 13 percent in District 1 and 6 percent in District 3. No increase is proposed for District 2. The increase in rates is proposed to increase revenue for pilot organizations so they may meet their operating costs. Comments can be filed with the U.S. Coast Guard in Washington D.C. no later than June 23.

Santa Fe-Southern Pacific Merger. Lawyers for the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific (SP) railroads told the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) last week that if the proposed merger of the two carriers is disapproved, the Southern Pacific would die stranding hundreds of shippers and communities. They claim that efforts to attach major conditions to the merger would derail the plan and send the SP, and possibly Santa Fe, into bankruptcy. Several competing carriers claim the merger would give Santa Fe and SP too much market power and want the ICC to attach substantial conditions giving them access to points on the merged system.

Argentine Grain Exports. Latest estimates suggest Argentina's grain exports for the 1985-86 harvest will fall by at least 5.22 million metric tons from last season's total of 41.75 million metric tons. Much of the decline can be blamed on the heavy flooding that affected the wheat crop that was already reduced by disease.

River Situation. At Locks and Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 9 tows with 77 barges have passed upbound and 10 tows with 95 barges downbound. This morning there are 2 tows waiting upbound and none down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 903 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 1,185. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 6 vessels were reported loading grain, while 12 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 4 vessels were at berth being loaded while 4 waited.

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WHEAT INSPECTED FOR EXPORT BY CLASS AND REGION

APR. 1986

- 1,000 BUSHELS -

REGION	HARD RED SPRING	HARD RED WINTER	SOFT RED WINTER	WHITE	DURUM	MIXED	TOTALS
JUN 85-APR 86							
ST LAUR SUY	1,123	0	7,675	6,467	1,605	0	16,870
LAKES	23,813	0	4,454	227	21,274	0	49,768
ATLANTIC	0	0	38,129	11,770	0	0	49,899
GULF	42,544	255,232	87,339	0	17,689	3,637	406,441
PACIFIC	74,877	75,004	0	122,982	4,862	0	277,725
INTERIOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	142,357	330,236	137,597	141,446	45,430	3,637	800,703
JUN 84-APR 85							
ST LAUR SUY	8,641	0	7,899	5,960	13,303	0	35,803
LAKES	26,835	789	7,287	2,402	26,610	0	63,923
ATLANTIC	100	0	39,546	4,476	0	0	44,122
GULF	48,326	553,982	188,766	0	10,259	4,707	806,040
PACIFIC	77,914	85,628	0	187,548	5,006	0	356,096
INTERIOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	161,816	640,399	243,498	200,386	55,178	4,707	1,305,984

*NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL INSPECTION FOR EXPORTS
WHEAT SHIPPED FOR STORAGE IN CANADA IS REPORTED AT TIME OF SHIPMENT FROM ST LAUR SUY PORTS

SOURCE: FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

GRAINS INSPECTED AND/OR WEIGHED FOR EXPORT BY REGION AND PORT AREA

APR. 1986

- 1,000 BUSHELS -

REGION/COUNTRY	WHEAT	RYE	YELLOW CORN	WHITE CORN	BARLEY	BARLEY	SORGHUM	SOYBEANS	FLAX SEED	SUN FLOWER	TOTALS
LAKES											
CHICAGO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DULUTH-SUP	4,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,263
TOLEDO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAGINAW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	4,263	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,263
ATLANTIC											
N. ATLANTIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. ATLANTIC	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	5,724	0	0	5,750
SUBTOTAL	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	5,724	0	0	5,750
GULF											
MISSISSIPPI R.	5,938	0	43,854	0	0	0	6,519	65,968	0	0	122,279
EAST GULF	1,283	0	342	0	0	0	0	750	0	0	2,375
N. TEXAS	17,482	0	348	0	0	0	182	1,729	0	0	19,631
S. TEXAS	3,430	0	314	0	0	0	199	0	0	0	3,951
SUBTOTAL	28,111	0	44,858	0	0	0	6,820	68,447	0	0	148,236
PACIFIC											
COLUMBIA R.	21,748	0	8,794	0	0	717	0	0	0	0	31,259
PUGET SOUND	735	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,990	0	1,167	3,992
CALIFORNIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	22,483	0	8,794	0	0	717	0	2,990	0	1,167	35,251
INTERIOR											
INTERIOR	0	0	2,087	0	64	0	895	2,519	3	703	6,271
SUBTOTAL	0	0	2,087	0	64	0	895	2,519	3	703	6,271
GRAND TOTAL	54,857	0	55,765	0	64	717	7,715	78,788	3	1,870	199,771
JAN 85-APR 86	262,627	0	436,329	168	64	717	43,722	344,831	87	2,149	1,098,114
JAN 85-APR 85	319,389	0	764,908	750	0	6,803	99,252	255,476	0	8,616	1,305,912

INCLUDES SHIPMENTS TO CANADA

SOURCE: FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE



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GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>COMPARABLE WEEK 1985</u>
<u>RAIL CARLOADINGS</u>		
May 3	17,593	17,967
May 10	15,478	16,134
May 17	18,434	16,354
May 24	19,786	18,597
Calendar Year to Date	440,557	463,586

<u>BARGE LOADINGS</u> (1,000 Bushels)		
May 4	N/A	27,908
May 11	N/A	23,742
May 18	N/A	23,735
May 25	N/A	26,201
Calendar Year to Date	293,910	677,186

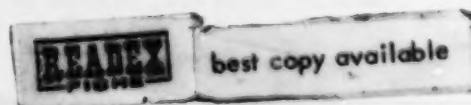
<u>INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT</u> (1,000 Bushels)		
May 1	45,166	66,362
May 8	36,507	65,854
May 15	44,527	52,051
May 22	36,349	49,301
Calendar Year to Date	1,203,405	1,561,119

<u>AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES</u> (\$ Per Bushel)							
	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	
Apr 18	3.33	2.45	5.25	3.54	2.91	5.97	
Apr 25	3.50	2.44	5.28	3.62	2.88	5.99	
May 2	3.56	2.46	5.33	3.59	2.88	5.88	
May 9	3.55	2.54	5.36	3.49	2.86	5.85	
May 16	3.63	2.59	5.35	3.41	2.85	5.85	

(Wheat-#1 HRW - ORD., Kansas City; Corn #2 Yellow, Chicago; SB-#1 Yellow, Chicago)

1/ Bought to arrive 15 days.

2/ Bought to arrive 30 days.



MAJOR EXPORT SALES*

(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>	<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>
Apr 24	4,557	2,596	2,815	3,574	6,757	1,755
May 1	4,581	2,955	2,552	3,586	6,199	1,601
May 8	4,612	3,543	2,301	3,650	5,830	1,481
May 15	4,804	3,293	2,308	3,707	5,340	1,385
May 22	5,080	3,315	1,913	3,814	5,138	1,501

*Unshipped Balances-Current & Next Marketing Year

GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
May	2	31	30	31	25	46	55
May	9	30	34	39	19	49	61
May	16	19	41	37	17	42	59
May	23	18	44	54	28	33	53
May	30	26	26	52	21	43	39

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP

(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS</u>		<u>PRIVATE</u>	<u>RAILROADS</u>		<u>PRIVATE</u>
		<u>40'ND BOX</u>	<u>COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>40'ND BOX</u>	<u>COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>COVERED HOPPER**</u>
Jan	1	4.3	123.5	115.5	6.8	123.5	114.7
Feb	1	4.3	123.5	115.4	6.3	123.1	114.9
Mar	1	4.2	122.8	114.6	6.0	123.3	114.5
Apr	1	4.0	122.6	113.1	5.6	123.4	115.2
May	1	3.7	122.3	112.9	5.4	123.2	115.7

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OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*

(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$10.50-\$8.70(30M-52M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.50-\$6.25(50M-55M)	June
	Hamburg		
Pacific Northwest	Philippines	\$13.05(25M)	June
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$19.50(15M-17M)	Jun-Jul
Great Lakes	China	\$14.00-\$12.50(24.2M-36.8M)	June
Gulf	Taiwan	\$18.25-\$10.00(33M-54M)	Jun-Sep
Gulf	Algeria	\$14.50-\$14.00(15M-21M)	June
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$11.00(15M)	June
Great Lakes	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$12.75-\$11.00(12M-16M)	June
	Hamburg		
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$11.00(11M-17.6M)	Jun-Jul

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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Railroads Won't Seek Increase. The Association of American Railroads (AAR) told the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) that even though the industry projects a 1.7 percent increase in operating costs for the third quarter they will not seek a rate increase based on inflation-recovery. The AAR reports that there will be a 2.5 percent increase in the labor index for the third quarter this year, resulting from increased wage rates and lump sum payments for union employees. The cost index level for the third quarter will be 104.0 as compared to 102.3 for the second quarter, it doesn't top the high mark of 106.9 of the first quarter in 1986, so the railroads won't ask for an increase in rates. The ICC must formally approve the figures submitted by the AAR before any further action is taken.

Rail-Shipper Contract Disclosure. Two large grain shippers have told the ICC that they want the right to veto any disclosure of provisions of contracts they negotiate with railroads. They also strongly oppose a proposal by port interests to increase, significantly, the amount of contract information about railroad export shipments that can be made public. The comments were in response to new contract disclosure rules proposed by the National Grain and Feed Association and the AAR and would apply only to shipments of raw grains and soybeans. Since contracts allow carriers to work out operating schedules and provisions that permit lower operating costs and lower freight rates, the shippers told the ICC that any erosion of the confidentiality of rail contract provision will make it harder to negotiate them.

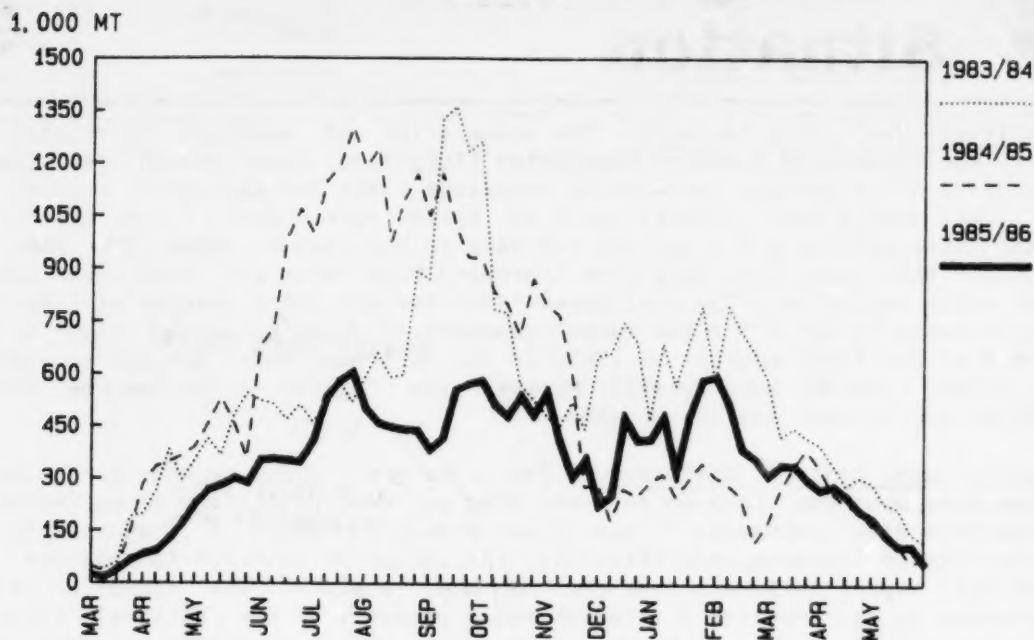
Rail Anti-Monopoly Hearing. The Justice Department, ICC, Railway Labor Executives Association, and the Federal Railroad Administration are all opposed to legislation (The Railroad Anti-Monopoly Act, H.R.1140) that would set alternate shipping for captive rail customers. Testifying at the hearing held last Thursday in support of the bill was one of the co-sponsors Congressman Hank Brown (CO). Congressman Brown said the bill would increase competition and jobs by removing incentives to operate inefficiently.

Conrail Sale. The Railway Labor Executives Association will meet June 10 in Washington to consider further recommendations of its task force on the sale of Conrail. The task force will meet today to review a proposal by the United Transportation Union (UTU) calling for a public stock offering. The UTU has proposed that several large, railroads purchase segments of stock in Conrail while foregoing the right to vote on Conrail's business affairs. The remainder of the Conrail stock would be offered in a public sale. Representative James Florio's (NJ) Subcommittee on Transportation, Commerce, and Tourism has scheduled a hearing for June 17.

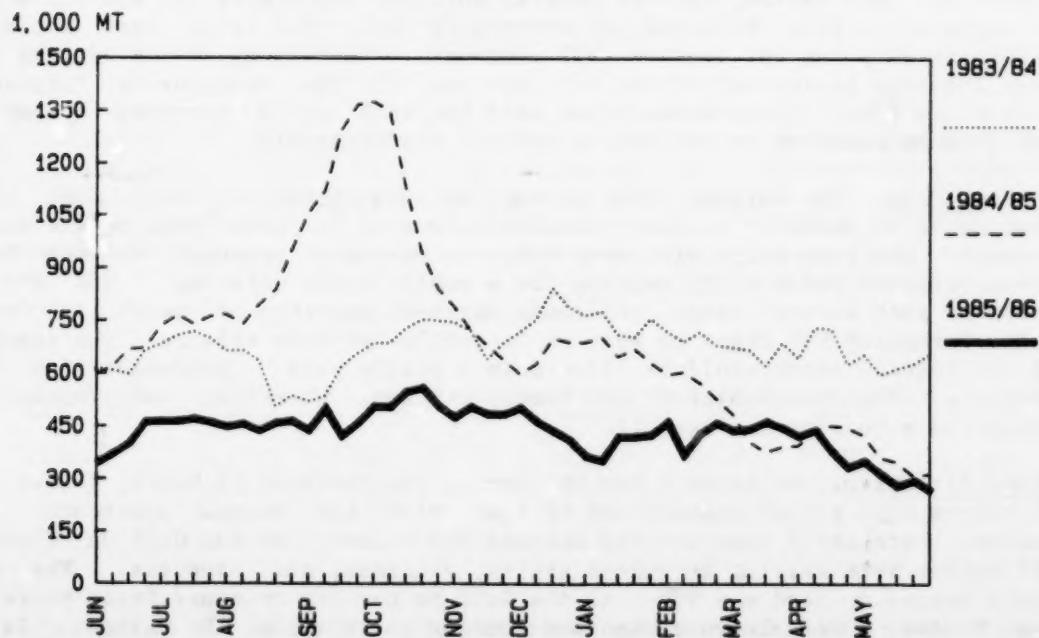
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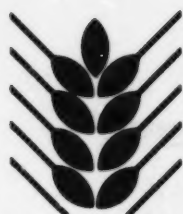
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WHEAT SALES
4-WEEK MOVING AVERAGE
1983/84, 1984/85 AND 1985/86



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RAIL CARLOADINGS

May 10	15,478	16,134
May 17	18,434	16,354
May 24	19,786	18,597
May 31	16,930	19,531
Calendar Year to Date	457,487	483,117

BARGE LOADINGS (1,000 Bushels)

May 11	N/A	23,742
May 18	N/A	23,735
May 25	N/A	26,201
Jun 1	N/A	22,731
Calendar Year to Date	293,910	699,917

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

May 8	36,507	65,854
May 15	44,527	52,051
May 22	36,349	49,301
May 29	33,332	48,813
Calendar Year to Date	1,236,737	1,609,932

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

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May	29	5,249	3,317	1,915	3,847	5,074	1,471

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GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED</u>	<u>DUE NEXT</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED</u>	<u>DUE NEXT</u>
			<u>7 DAYS</u>	<u>10 DAYS</u>		<u>7 DAYS</u>	<u>10 DAYS</u>
May	9	30	34	39	19	49	61
May	16	19	41	37	17	42	59
May	23	18	44	54	28	33	53
May	30	26	26	52	21	43	39
Jun	6	31	36	49	24	36	37

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS</u>		<u>PRIVATE</u>	<u>RAILROADS</u>		<u>PRIVATE</u>
		<u>40'ND</u>	<u>COVERED</u>	<u>COVERED</u>	<u>40'ND</u>	<u>COVERED</u>	<u>COVERED</u>
		<u>BOX</u>	<u>HOPPER**</u>	<u>HOPPER**</u>	<u>BOX</u>	<u>HOPPER**</u>	<u>HOPPER**</u>
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Feb	1	4.3	123.5	115.4	6.3	123.1	114.9
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OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$10.90-\$8.70(30M-52M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.50-\$6.25(50M-55M)	June
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$19.50(15M-17M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Taiwan	\$18.25-\$10.00(33M-54M)	Jun-Sep
Gulf	Algeria	\$14.50-\$14.00(15M-21M)	June
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$11.00(15M)	June
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$8.40(11M-20M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Egypt	\$12.50(22M)	June
Gulf	Mexico (EC)	\$5.50(20M)	June
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25(14M)	Jun-Jul

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USSR Import Estimates Unchanged. USSR grain buyers have not committed to any major purchases for delivery in the 1985/86 marketing year. The U.S. and Argentina have experienced some sales to the Russians while the Europeans report small sales of wheat and barley. Since the Chernobyl nuclear incident there has been little or no agricultural activity within a 30 kilometer radius of the plant site. In the exposed areas, slaughtering of livestock has already taken place with the greatest adverse impact being felt in the dairy and fruit and vegetable sector. The total Soviet grain crop is being forecast at 190 million metric tons for 1986/87, which is only 1 million less than 1985/86 production.

Rail Anti-Monopoly Act. The Railroad Anti-Monopoly Act (H.R. 1140) was reported unfavorably on June 12 by the Subcommittee on Commerce, Transportation, and Tourism of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Although it didn't fair well, its intent of imposing some form of railroad regulation did. The subcommittee approved a resolution that new railroad regulation legislation should be addressed in the Ninety-ninth Congress. They agree that some problems with the implementation of the Staggers Act exist where shippers have been harmed and these problems "must be corrected by legislation."

Rail Abandonment Procedures. Those who protest a rail abandonment must now file appeals with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) before taking the case to court. Under prior rules, an abandonment ruling by an administrative law judge was considered a final decision if the ICC did not agree to hear an appeal within 30 days. The new rule requires that appeals be filed within 20 days of the initial decision, giving the Commission at least 10 days to decide whether to review the case. If it is decided to hear the appeal, the proceeding will be stayed until the Commission takes action on the appeal.

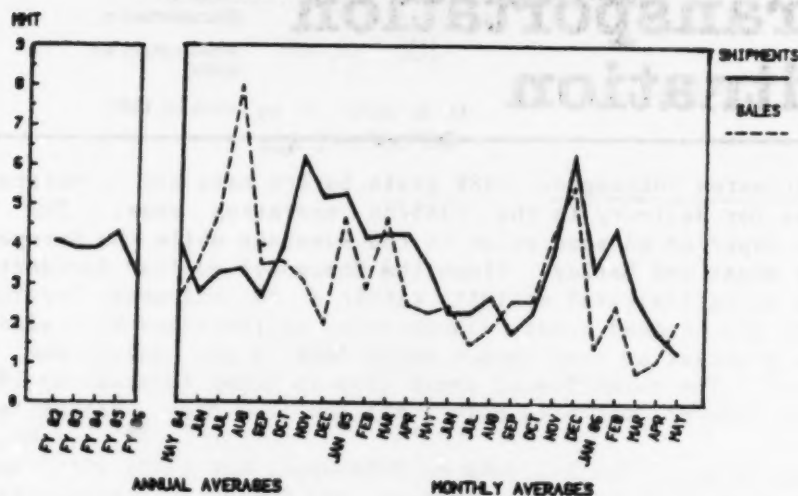
Katy Railroad Begins Offer For Certificates. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad (M-K-T) began a tender offer for income certificates it wants to acquire as part of a planned merger with the Union Pacific Corporation. M-K-T, a subsidiary of Katy Industries, hopes at least 51 percent of the certificates will be tendered so the proposed combination of the 3,100-mile regional railroad can merge with the Union Pacific Railroad. The Katy Railroad is offering to pay \$39.75 for each of the certificates that originally were issued in a 1958 bankruptcy proceeding. Earlier offers for the certificates ranged from \$25.00 to \$33.50 each.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 4 tows with 42 barges have passed upbound and 10 tows with 91 barges downbound. This morning there is 1 tow waiting upbound and 1 down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 798 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 1,102. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/ Baton Rouge area last Friday, 8 vessels were reported loading grain, while 12 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 3 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

NOTE: You will notice that the 40'ND boxcar figure on page 4 is missing. This is due to the downward use of this type car. If you would like us to continue publishing them, please contact us.

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U.S. CORN SHIPMENTS AND SALES
ANNUAL MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR FY 1982 - 1986 (PROJ)
AND MONTHLY FROM MAY 1984 - MAY 1986

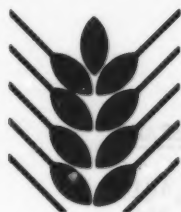


U.S. CORN and SORGHUM EXPORT COMMITMENTS to MAJOR DESTINATIONS
(OCTOBER/SEPTEMBER - 1,000 TONS) 1/

Destination:	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85		1985/86
	Total Exports	Total Exports	Total Exports	Committed as of 5/22/85	Committed as of 5/22/86
- CORN -					
EC-12	9,019	7,952	6,061	3,825	2,914
Other W. Europe	169	245	176	156	23
Eastern Europe	1,470	727	693	521	877
USSR	3,200	6,500	15,750	15,757	6,339
China	2,161	18	0	0	0
Japan	13,180	13,781	11,095	10,031	7,962
Taiwan	3,000	2,676	3,134	2,986	2,442
Rep. of Korea	3,908	2,972	1,602	887	1,008
Egypt	1,516	1,303	1,352	947	1,354
Canada	750	283	315	185	24
Mexico	4,091	2,808	1,267	1,139	1,394
Venezuela	892	1,140	638	567	0
Others	3,938	6,992	3,877	4,216	2,971
TOTAL	47,294	47,397	45,960	41,082	27,929
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Spain	105	465	45	45	0
Other W. Europe (excl. Spain)	251	136	79	57	38
Japan	741	1,505	2,726	2,348	2,283
Israel	341	574	587	487	347
Mexico	3,260	2,758	1,958	1,855	245
Venezuela	243	206	1,093	452	525
Others	462	582	508	507	187
TOTAL	5,403	6,226	6,996	5,821	3,655

1/ Accumulated shipments and sales, excluding sales for next marketing year.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Census and U.S. Export Sales.



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GRAIN TRANSPORTATION

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COMPARABLE WEEK
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RAIL CARLOADINGS

May 17	18,434	16,354
May 24	19,786	18,597
May 31	16,930	19,531
Jun 7	18,440	22,609
Calendar Year to Date	475,927	505,726

BARGE LOADINGS (1,000 Bushels)

May 18	N/A	23,735
May 25	N/A	26,201
Jun 1	N/A	22,731
Jun 8	N/A	24,616
Calendar Year to Date	293,910	724,533

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

May 15	44,527	52,051
May 22	36,349	49,301
May 29	33,332	48,813
Jun 5	37,252	52,380
Calendar Year to Date	1,273,989	1,662,312

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}
May 2	3.56	2.46	5.33	3.59	2.88	5.88
May 9	3.55	2.54	5.36	3.49	2.86	5.85
May 16	3.63	2.59	5.35	3.41	2.85	5.85
May 23	3.27	2.59	5.33	3.36	2.83	5.70
May 30	3.06	2.61	5.38	3.34	2.80	5.59

(Wheat-#1 HRW - ORD., Kansas City; Corn #2 Yellow, Chicago; SB-#1 Yellow, Chicago)

^{1/} Bought to arrive 15 days.

^{2/} Bought to arrive 30 days.

MAJOR EXPORT SALES*
(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
		<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>
May	8	4,612	3,543	2,301	3,650	5,830	1,481
May	15	4,804	3,293	2,308	3,707	5,340	1,385
May	22	5,080	3,315	1,913	3,814	5,138	1,501
May	29	5,249	3,317	1,915	3,847	5,074	1,471
Jun	5	5,200	3,537	1,976	3,910	5,241	1,422

*Unshipped Balances-Current & Next Marketing Year

GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
May	16	19	41	37	17	42	59
May	23	18	44	54	28	33	53
May	30	26	26	52	21	43	39
Jun	6	31	36	49	24	36	37
Jun	13	29	36	61	19	33	49

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>
Feb	1	123.5	115.4	123.1	114.9
Mar	1	122.8	114.6	123.3	114.5
Apr	1	122.6	113.1	123.4	115.2
May	1	122.3	112.9	123.2	115.7
Jun	1	121.6	112.0	123.2	114.3

**Jumbo Covered Hoppers Only

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$10.90-\$8.70(30M-52M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.50-\$6.00(50M-60M)	Jun-Jul
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$18.00(15M-17M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Taiwan	\$18.25-\$9.32(33M-54M)	Jun-Sep
Gulf	Algeria	\$17.20-\$14.50(15M-19.5M)	June
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$11.00(15M)	June
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$6.75(11M-30.6M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Egypt	\$12.50(22M)	June
Pacific Northwest	Taiwan	\$10.75-\$7.71(33M-54M)	Jun-Jul
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25(14M)	Jul-Aug

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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Rail Rate Guidelines. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has set a July 21 deadline for comments on their proposal to set guidelines in determining rail rates on non-coal shipments. The case involves the ICC's intention of using guidelines that were adopted for coal shipments to such commodities as grain, paper products, and chemicals. Reply comments are due at the Commission by September 6.

Revenue Adequacy. The ICC is investigating their current procedures for determining the revenue adequacy status of U.S. rail carriers. A carrier must show that he is sufficiently covering his costs by his revenues to become revenue adequate. Under the current procedures there are no carriers which are deemed to be revenue adequate. This is an important investigation since any carrier who is not revenue adequate is not subject to maximum rate regulation by the ICC.

St. Lawrence Seaway. The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation awarded a \$370,000 contract to an engineering company to conduct a 3-phase study to improve the structural stability of the U.S. locks at Massena, New York. The engineering study will be done over the next 5 months and will analyze the stability of the lock walls and determine what remedial work needs to be accomplished. This could include the installation of post-tensioned anchors to improve the stability of the lock walls.

Conrail Sale. Congress is still investigating the sale of Conrail. The labor unions recently appealed to the House to consider an alternative plan which calls for a public buy-out of Conrail. With only about 40 days left in this session of Congress many believe that action on the sale is growing dimmer.

U.S. Winter Wheat Production. U.S. production of winter wheat in 1986 should fall to its lowest level since 1978. Even though the crop is small it will do little to ease the big surpluses. The latest estimate for wheat production for 1986 is 1.578 billion bushels, down 14 percent from 1985 production of 1.827 billion. Regardless of the reduced production totals the projected 1986-87 ending stocks of an estimated 1.757 billion bushels will be the second highest total on record.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 7 tows with 53 barges have passed upbound and 10 tows with 83 barges downbound. This morning there is 1 tow waiting upbound and 1 down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 628 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 1,062. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 7 vessels were reported loading grain, while 16 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 4 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

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WINTER WHEAT

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	1985	IND 1986	1985	IND 1986	1984	1985	IND 1986
	1,000 ACRES		BUSHEL		1,000 BUSHEL		
ALA	400	350	32.0	22.0	14,820	12,800	7,700
ARIZ 1/	66	53	90.0	96.0	5,980	5,940	5,088
ARK	570	600	32.0	36.0	61,600	18,240	21,600
CALIF	750	680	82.0	83.0	52,440	61,500	56,440
COLO	3,450	2,900	39.0	33.0	110,400	134,550	95,700
DEL 1/	43	33	48.0	47.0	2,009	2,064	1,551
FLA 2/	130	100	33.0	30.0		4,290	3,000
GA	825	550	31.0	26.0	31,150	25,575	14,300
IDAHO	870	800	53.0	67.0	56,700	46,110	53,600
ILL	750	800	49.0	44.0	70,400	36,750	35,200
IND	700	800	53.0	50.0	48,300	37,100	40,000
IOWA 1/	112	75	48.0	38.0	5,600	5,376	2,850
KANS	11,400	10,000	38.0	32.0	431,200	433,200	320,000
KY	310	320	34.0	34.0	19,000	10,540	10,880
LA 1/	210	210	34.0	37.0	13,120	7,140	7,770
MD 1/	133	140	49.0	47.0	6,020	6,517	6,580
MICH	750	700	60.0	60.0	45,600	45,000	42,000
MINN 1/	280	175	37.0	41.0	15,480	10,360	7,175
MISS	300	200	31.0	33.0	25,080	9,300	6,600
MO	1,280	520	39.0	37.0	84,050	49,920	19,240
MONT	1,400	2,000	16.0	33.0	66,960	22,400	66,000
NEBR	2,300	2,000	39.0	41.0	81,000	89,700	82,000
NEV 1/	9	9	80.0	80.0	640	720	720
N J 1/	37	33	52.0	50.0	1,677	1,924	1,650
N MEX 1/	570	500	36.0	30.0	11,960	20,520	15,000
N Y 1/	145	150	58.0	54.0	7,820	8,410	8,100
N C	760	540	29.0	27.0	26,660	22,040	14,580
N DAK 1/	450	480	35.0	40.0	22,000	15,750	19,200
OHIO	950	1,020	62.0	50.0	48,400	58,900	51,000
OKLA	5,500	5,200	30.0	28.0	190,800	165,000	145,600
OREG	960	930	54.0	58.0	66,150	51,840	53,940
PA 1/	210	220	48.0	45.0	8,360	10,080	9,900
S C	430	265	29.0	25.0	14,440	12,470	6,625
S DAK	1,520	1,690	29.0	42.0	61,200	44,080	70,980
TENN	250	300	32.0	31.0	21,400	8,000	9,300
TEX	5,850	4,600	32.0	26.0	150,000	187,200	119,600
UTAH 1/	220	210	32.0	35.0	6,435	7,040	7,350
VA	285	250	37.0	38.0	12,375	10,545	9,500
WASH	2,400	2,050	48.0	56.0	148,800	115,200	114,800
W VA 1/	8	9	43.0	42.0	400	344	378
WIS 1/	140	130	55.0	56.0	8,960	7,700	7,280
WYO 1/	230	250	22.0	30.0	7,280	5,060	7,500
U S	47,953	42,842	38.1	36.8	2,060,266	1,827,195	1,578,277

1/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.
2/ ESTIMATES BEGIN WITH 1985 CROP.

WHEAT PRODUCTION BY CLASSES, UNITED STATES 1/

YEAR	WINTER			SPRING			TOTAL
	HARD	SOFT	WHITE	HARD	DURUM	WHITE	
	RED	RED		RED			
1,000 BUSHEL							
1984	1,250,597	531,370	278,299	408,801	103,439	22,271	2,594,777
1985	1,230,075	368,026	229,094	460,262	112,510	24,798	2,424,765
1986 2/	1,046,954	297,800	233,523				

1/ WHEAT CLASS ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON VARIETY ACREAGE SURVEY DATA COLLECTED AT 5-YEAR INTERVALS FOR ALL WHEAT PRODUCING STATES. THE 5-YEAR VARIETAL SURVEY DATA ARE ADJUSTED AS OTHER VARIETY SURVEY INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
2/ INDICATED JUNE 1, 1986.



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RAIL CARLOADINGS

May 24	19,786	18,597
May 31	16,930	19,531
Jun 7	18,440	22,609
Jun 14	25,449	23,361
Calendar Year to Date	501,376	529,087

BARGE LOADINGS (1,000 Bushels)

May 25	N/A	26,201
Jun 1	N/A	22,731
Jun 8	N/A	24,616
Jun 15	N/A	28,530
Calendar Year to Date	293,910	753,063

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

May 22	36,349	49,301
May 29	33,332	48,813
Jun 5	37,252	52,380
Jun 12	37,050	51,384
Calendar Year to Date	1,311,039	1,713,696

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}		<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}
May 9	3.55	2.54	5.36		3.49	2.86	5.85
May 16	3.63	2.59	5.35		3.41	2.85	5.85
May 23	3.27	2.59	5.33		3.36	2.83	5.70
May 30	3.06	2.61	5.38		3.34	2.80	5.59
Jun 6	3.13	2.62	5.40		3.51	2.83	5.73

(Wheat-#1 HRW - ORD., Kansas City; Corn #2 Yellow, Chicago; SB-#1 Yellow, Chicago)

1/ Bought to arrive 15 days.

2/ Bought to arrive 30 days.

MAJOR EXPORT SALES*
(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
		<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>
May	15	4,804	3,293	2,308	3,707	5,340	1,385
May	22	5,080	3,315	1,913	3,814	5,138	1,501
May	29	5,249	3,317	1,915	3,847	5,074	1,471
Jun	5	5,200	3,537	1,976	3,910	5,241	1,422
Jun	12	5,153	3,450	1,855	3,707	5,502	1,465

*Unshipped Balances-Current & Next Marketing Year

GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
May	23	18	44	54	28	33	53
May	30	26	26	52	21	43	39
Jun	6	31	36	49	24	36	37
Jun	13	29	36	61	19	33	49
Jun	20	40	42	51	26	35	51

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>
Feb	1	123.5	115.4	123.1	114.9
Mar	1	122.8	114.6	123.3	114.5
Apr	1	122.6	113.1	123.4	115.2
May	1	122.3	112.9	123.2	115.7
Jun	1	121.6	112.0	123.2	114.3

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OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$10.90-\$9.00(30M-52M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.50-\$6.00(55M-60M)	Jun-Jul
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$18.00(15M-17M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Taiwan	\$18.25-\$9.32(33M-54M)	Jun-Sep
Gulf	Algeria	\$17.20-\$14.50(15M-19.5M)	June
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$11.00(15M-20M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$7.50(11M-26.3M)	Jun-Jul
Gulf	Egypt	\$12.50-\$11.50(22M-30M)	June
Pacific Northwest	Taiwan	\$10.75-\$7.71(33M-54M)	Jun-Jul
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25(14M)	Jul-Aug

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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Guilford Rail Strike. Guilford Transportation Industries (GTI) and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWE) are holding talks under a cloud of a possible nationwide rail strike next month. The talks were coordinated by a Presidential appointed board. Negotiations will begin between the BMWE and GTI with a discussion of recommendations made by the emergency board, which said that a basis for agreement exists in "the last offer of the parties prior to the strike." BMWE struck GTI's Maine Central Railroad on March 3 over pay and working conditions. If both parties don't come to an agreement, there is speculation that, at the end of the 30-day time period (July 21) for both parties to consider the emergency board's recommendations, there will be a strike.

Rail Demurrage and Storage Charges. The ICC has changed its mind about stripping railroads of their antitrust immunity to set demurrage and storage charges. Earlier this year, the ICC decided that it was unnecessary for the railroads to meet and collectively set charges for demurrage and storage contending that a "free market approach" to such charges will more effectively foster the goals of the national rail transportation policy. The new ruling follows an appeal by the Fertilizer Institute, which concludes that the issue of antitrust immunity for setting demurrage fees should await the outcome of the ICC's decision in its current review of demurrage regulations. Demurrage is assessed by railroads against shippers or receivers for undue detention of equipment.

Rail Antitrust Bill Opposed. The House Energy and Commerce Committee has recommended Congress not to approve legislation aimed at permitting antitrust suits against railroads that refuse to give access to competitors to serve plants located along their lines. This legislation is strongly opposed by the carriers.

ILA Negotiations. New Orleans port management represented by the New Orleans Steamship Association and officials of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) have continued contract negotiations. It has been reported that the first round of talks were held on the new contract, the management team for the port called for the elimination of most overtime pay, as well as a reduction in the union's current \$17 per hour wage. But union officials are said to have rejected such sweeping concessions and have offered to settle for terms similar to those reached by West Gulf and South Atlantic negotiators such as a reduction in the guaranteed number of hours, crew levels, and a reduction in hourly pay from \$17 to \$14 for breakbulk and bulk cargo handling.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 10 tows with 127 barges have passed upbound and 9 tows with 72 barges downbound. This morning there is 1 tow waiting upbound and none down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 726 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 996. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/ Baton Rouge area last Friday, 7 vessels were reported loading grain, while 15 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 3 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

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NOTE: The Barge Loadings on page 3 will be deleted due to the loss of our source for that information. In place of the barge information, we are going to begin publishing weekly totals of Rail Deliveries to Ports. If we are successful in securing another source of information on Barge Loadings, we will again publish those figures. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS
(Carloads)

<u>Week Ended</u>		<u>1/</u> No. Atlantic Ports		<u>2/</u> So. Atlantic & Gulf Ports		<u>3/</u> Pacific Coast Ports	
		1986	- 1985	1986	- 1985	1986	- 1985
Jan	8	2,348	3,661	3,370	4,990	3,919	4,004
	15	2,838	3,727	3,685	5,157	3,677	3,883
	22	2,353	2,973	4,181	5,695	2,799	3,735
	29	2,272	3,458	5,149	5,079	2,605	3,296
Feb	5	2,530	2,669	4,760	5,220	2,726	2,194
	12	2,557	2,993	3,628	5,730	2,848	2,579
	19	2,625	2,465	3,512	4,694	1,740	3,757
	26	1,964	3,001	4,345	5,027	2,192	4,676
Mar	5	1,673	2,454	2,882	3,668	1,919	3,665
	12	1,050	2,860	3,367	3,253	2,353	3,744
	19	1,309	2,740	2,579	3,416	2,455	3,903
	26	716	2,698	2,186	3,408	1,999	3,248
Apr	2	319	1,800	1,676	3,826	1,997	2,947
	9	299	1,114	2,239	2,845	1,508	3,282
	16	3	960	1,680	2,582	1,060	3,715
	23	29	374	1,253	2,428	886	3,268
	30	85	1,682	951	2,147	701	2,392
May	7	389	666	1,034	2,065	1,074	2,189
	14	193	521	1,594	1,965	834	2,538
	21	405	195	1,113	1,178	519	2,030
	28	200	129	1,696	1,391	554	1,985

1/ Includes Philadelphia, Baltimore, Hampton Roads, and Albany.

2/ Includes Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, Pascagoula (MS), New Orleans, Remy (LA), Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Convent (LA), Beaumont, Port Arthur, Houston, Galveston, and Corpus Christi.

3/ Includes San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco (CA); Portland, Astoria (OR); Longview, Kalama, Tacoma, and Seattle (WA).
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INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

May 29	33,332	48,813
Jun 5	37,252	52,380
Jun 12	37,050	51,384
Jun 19	38,397	54,526
Calendar Year to Date	1,349,436	1,768,222

RAIL CARLOADINGS

May 31	16,930	19,531
Jun 7	18,440	22,609
Jun 14	25,449	23,361
Jun 21	27,849	27,138
Calendar Year to Date	529,219*	556,225

*Revised

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS (Carloads)

	<u>North Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic & Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific Coast</u>	<u>North Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic & Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific Coast</u>
May 28	200	1,696	554	129	1,391	1,985
Jun 4	144	2,783	944	339	2,741	2,569
Jun 11	84	2,750	871	228	2,930	2,290
Jun 18	71	2,103	1,440	223	2,602	2,351
CY to Date	26,456	64,516	43,620	43,930	84,037	74,240

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}
May 16	3.63	2.59	5.35	3.41	2.85	5.85
May 23	3.27	2.59	5.33	3.36	2.83	5.70
May 30	3.06	2.61	5.38	3.34	2.80	5.59
Jun 6	3.13	2.62	5.40	3.51	2.83	5.73
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MAJOR EXPORT SALES*
(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
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May	22	5,080	3,315	1,913	3,814	5,138	1,501
May	29	5,249	3,317	1,915	3,847	5,074	1,471
Jun	5	5,200	3,537	1,976	3,910	5,241	1,422
Jun	12	5,153	3,450	1,855	3,707	5,502	1,465
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GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
May	30	26	26	52	21	43	39
Jun	6	31	36	49	24	36	37
Jun	13	29	36	61	19	33	49
Jun	20	40	42	51	26	35	51
Jun	27	39	45	45	24	44	42

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>
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**Jumbo Covered Hoppers Only

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$9.00-\$8.50(52M)	July
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.00-\$4.50(55M-60M)	July
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$16.50(15M-19M)	Jul-Aug
Gulf	Taiwan	\$12.00-\$9.32(28.4M-54M)	Jul-Sep
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$11.00(20M)	July
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$7.50(11M-26.3M)	July
Gulf	Egypt	\$11.50(27.8M-29.5M)	July
Pacific Northwest	Taiwan	\$7.71(54M)	July
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25(14M)	Jul-Aug

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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Rail Contract Disclosure Legislation. Another bill has been introduced in the House designed at making it easier for shippers to challenge on grounds of discrimination rail contracts that are filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). The bill titled the Agricultural Shippers Protection Act (H.R.4999) would require railroads to reveal confidential contract details such as the name of the involved shipper, specific origins, transit points, duration of contract, and actual volume requirements. A similar bill (S.2447) was introduced in May. The ICC is currently considering making changes to its present contract disclosure rules. Included in the legislation is a provision that would disallow carriers from moving goods at contract rates until a contract is approved by the ICC. That provision would eliminate the current rule of letting a railroad move goods before a contract is filed if the carrier and shipper intend for the shipment to move under a subsequent contract rate.

Tonnage Off Lakes Declines. The Lake Carriers Association (LCA) announced that as of May bulk shipments on the Great Lakes of iron ore, coal, and grain have declined by 13 percent compared to the same period in 1985. Iron ore cargoes totaled 7,375,501 tons, down 11 percent, coal loadings were 4,347,040 tons, down 11 percent, and grain shipments were 2,346,653 tons, a decrease of 20 percent. According to LCA spokesmen the ample worldwide grain supplies were responsible for the fall in grain shipments. The LCA also announced that the U.S.-flag fleet only operated 49 of the 88 bulk carriers during the month of May as a result of weak demand.

Grain Storage. Corn stored in all positions as of June 1 is estimated at nearly 5 billion bushels or 127 million metric tons, 76 percent more than the June 1 total a year ago of 2.84 billion bushels. Old crop wheat in storage is estimated at a record high 12.90 billion bushels, up 33 percent from a year ago. Soybeans stored in all positions total 847 million bushels which is 39 percent higher than last years total and 79 percent higher than the June 1, 1984, level.

NMB Withdraws From Negotiations. The National Mediation Board (NMB) has withdrawn from long stalled talks between representatives of six rail unions and rail industry management. The NMB's action could mean the possibility of a strike on July 25. Should a strike occur President Reagan is expected to appoint an emergency board as was done in the Guilford strike and invoke the 60-day cooling off period provided for in the Railway Labor Act. This action would be needed to avert a nationwide rail strike.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 15 tows with 147 barges have passed upbound and 8 tows with 99 barges downbound. This morning there is 1 tow waiting upbound and 1 down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 742 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 963. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 8 vessels were reported loading grain, while 17 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 3 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

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WHEAT INSPECTED FOR EXPORT BY CLASS AND REGION

MAY, 1986

- 1,000 BUSHELS -

REGION	HARD RED SPRING	HARD RED WINTER	SOFT RED WINTER	WHITE	DURUM	MIXED	TOTALS
JUN 85-MAY 86							
ST LAUR BUY	1,123	0	7,675	6,467	1,829	0	17,094
LAKES	27,293	0	4,454	227	26,197	0	58,171
ATLANTIC	0	0	38,129	11,770	0	0	49,909
GULF	45,902	249,161	91,002	0	18,069	3,863	427,937
PACIFIC	89,759	89,664	0	128,474	5,132	0	295,029
INTERIOR	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	155,077	349,825	141,260	146,940	51,227	3,863	848,192
JUN 84-MAY 85							
ST LAUR BUY	8,641	0	7,899	5,960	13,505	0	36,005
LAKES	29,622	789	7,287	2,402	30,421	0	70,521
ATLANTIC	100	0	40,616	4,958	0	0	45,674
GULF	93,409	572,520	191,555	0	11,040	4,810	833,334
PACIFIC	86,155	91,003	0	193,874	5,584	0	376,616
INTERIOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	177,927	664,312	247,357	207,194	60,550	4,810	1,362,150

*NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL INSPECTION FOR EXPORTS

WHEAT SHIPPED FOR STORAGE IN CANADA IS REPORTED AT TIME OF SHIPMENT FROM ST LAUR BUY PORTS

SOURCE: FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

GRAINS INSPECTED AND/OR WEIGHED FOR EXPORT BY REGION AND PORT AREA

MAY, 1986

- 1,000 BUSHELS -

REGION/COUNTRY	WHEAT	RYE	YELLOW CORN	WHITE CORN	BARLEY	SORGHUM	SOYBEANS	FLAX SEED	SUN FLOWER	TOTALS
LAKES										
CHICAGO	0	0	96	0	0	0	2,965	0	0	2,141
DULUTH-SUP	8,685	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,035	10,720
TOLEDO	0	0	4,723	0	0	0	5,299	0	0	10,022
SAGINAW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	8,685	0	4,819	0	0	0	7,264	0	2,035	22,903
ATLANTIC										
N. ATLANTIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. ATLANTIC	0	0	314	0	0	0	2,910	0	0	3,224
SUBTOTAL	0	0	314	0	0	0	2,910	0	0	3,224
GULF										
MISSISSIPPI R.	5,112	0	43,343	411	101	56	4,767	42,954	0	96,744
EAST GULF	1,095	0	165	0	0	0	381	196	0	1,837
N. TEXAS	12,379	0	110	0	0	0	1,153	0	0	13,642
S. TEXAS	2,970	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,970
SUBTOTAL	21,556	0	43,618	411	101	56	6,301	43,150	0	115,201
PACIFIC										
COLUMBIA R.	17,394	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,394
PUGET SOUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	970	0	0	970
CALIFORNIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	17,394	0	0	0	0	0	970	0	0	18,364
INTERIOR										
INTERIOR	2	0	694	0	45	0	3,693	3,398	0	9,295
SUBTOTAL	2	0	694	0	45	0	3,693	3,398	0	9,295
GRAND TOTAL	47,547	0	49,363	411	146	56	18,184	87,702	0	168,887
JAN 85-MAY 86	399,574	0	485,492	399	210	773	53,996	492,613	87	1,259,891
JAN 85-MAY 85	366,353	0	836,921	2,569	0	9,769	119,141	296,388	0	1,637,374

INCLUDES SHIPMENTS TO CANADA

SOURCE: FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE



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WEEK
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COMPARABLE WEEK
1985

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

Jun 5	37,252	52,380
Jun 12	37,050	51,384
Jun 19	38,464*	54,526
Jun 26	51,590	58,096
Calendar Year to Date	1,401,093*	1,826,318

* Revised

RAIL CARLOADINGS

Jun 7	18,440	22,609
Jun 14	25,449	23,361
Jun 21	27,849	27,138
Jun 28	27,273	25,441
Calendar Year to Date	556,492	581,666

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS (Carloads)

	<u>North Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic & Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific Coast</u>	<u>North Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic & Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific Coast</u>
Jun 4	144	2,783	944	339	2,741	2,569
Jun 11	84	2,750	871	228	2,930	2,290
Jun 18	71	2,103	1,440	223	2,602	2,351
Jun 25	20	3,329	1,624	490	2,008	2,000
CY to Date	26,476	67,845	45,244	44,420	86,045	76,240

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GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
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Jun	13	29	36	61	19	33	49
Jun	20	40	42	51	26	35	51
Jun	27	39	45	45	24	44	42
Jul	3	37	37	31	28	29	55

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

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Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$11.00(20M)	July
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Gulf	Egypt	\$16.00(17.7M)	July
Pacific Northwest	Taiwan	\$7.71(54M)	July
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25(14M)	Jul-Aug
Great Lakes	Egypt	\$18.62-\$13.50(25M)	July
	Top-Off	\$11.45-\$6.50	

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Santa Fe-Southern Pacific Merger. The Interstate Commerce Commission has announced that it will meet July 24 at Commission headquarters to vote on the proposed merger of the Santa Fe Railway and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company. The voting conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Soviet Grain. The Soviet Union could be self-sufficient in grains by the 1990's according to the International Wheat Council. The Council said "eventually the Soviet Union would be self-sufficient and probably become an exporter of wheat." Latest figures have the Soviets importing upwards of 20 million tons of grain annually, with the bulk coming from the U.S.

North Atlantic Contract Negotiations. North Atlantic management groups and the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) ended their third round of negotiations July 10 in Washington, D.C., without an agreement. Talks between the ILA and management are scheduled to resume July 17. Management representation includes the New York Shipping Association, the Boston Shipping Association, the Carriers Container Council, and the JSP Agency. The Council of North Atlantic Shipping Associations is negotiating individually with the ILA and hopes to meet around the same time as the other negotiating team.

Off Farm Storage. According to the July issue of the Agricultural Outlook, off farm storage capacity has increased to an estimated 8.2 billion bushels and will bring total storage capacity to 21.8 billion. With an estimated 19.3 billion bushel grain and soybean supply in the fall, storage capacity will be stretched to the limit, but not as badly as it was in 1982. There will be an estimated 2.5 billion bushels of excess capacity this year, compared with the 1982 figure of 0.9 billion bushels of excess capacity.

Note: The old crop wheat figure shown in last week's report should be 1.90 billion bushels and not 12.90 billion bushels, sorry, we don't want to make a bad situation worse.

Wheat Inspections. Export wheat inspections were 26 million bushels for the week ending July 3. This is an increase over the previous week of 22.3 million bushels and the highest since September 26, 1985, when 24.7 million bushels were inspected.

Wheat Output Falling. The 1986 winter wheat crop production is estimated at an 8-year low of 1.55 billion bushels, down 15 percent from last year's harvest of 1.83 billion bushels and 2 percent less than forecast a month ago.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 8 tows with 67 barges have passed upbound and 4 tows with 40 barges downbound. This morning there is 1 tow waiting upbound and none down. Lock 24 will be down for repairs during daylight hours this week. At the Gulf on Thursday, 809 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 1,010. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 6 vessels were reported loading grain, while 16 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 4 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

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UNITED STATES GRAIN STOCKS
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

DATE	ON FARMS	OFF FARMS 1/	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	ON FARMS	OFF FARMS 1/	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS
	1985			1986		
	1,000 BUSHELS CORN					
JAN 1	4,304,054	1,560,171	5,864,225	5,525,096	2,366,162	7,891,258
APR 1	2,833,806	1,131,736	3,965,542	3,979,886	1,965,087	5,944,973
JUN 1	2,007,823	827,701	2,835,524	3,141,346	1,847,018	4,988,364
OCT 1	678,947	701,780	1,380,727			
	SORGHUM 2/					
JAN 1	228,780	496,283	725,063	327,473	663,062	990,535
APR 1	134,904	346,392	481,296			
JUN 1	89,076	271,700	360,776	136,936	474,833	611,771
OCT 1	45,870	225,147	271,017			
	OATS 2/					
JAN 1	300,332	57,727	358,059	310,153	68,426	378,579
APR 1	211,676	44,676	256,352			
JUN 1	146,450	33,428	179,878	146,707	36,535	183,242
OCT 1	416,007	94,986	510,993			
	BARLEY 2/					
JAN 1	307,300	129,623	436,923	365,131	168,449	533,580
APR 1	216,721	103,147	319,868			
JUN 1	163,361	84,033	247,394	199,030	125,548	324,578
OCT 1	461,509	193,300	654,809			
	ALL WHEAT					
JAN 1	930,281	1,210,750	2,141,031	1,011,184	1,514,964	2,526,148
APR 1	713,437	953,694	1,667,131	799,408	1,330,641	2,130,049
JUN 1	582,077	843,163	1,425,240	681,059	1,219,071	1,900,130
OCT 1	1,248,446	1,722,651	2,971,097			
	DURUM WHEAT 3/					
JAN 1	95,033	37,212	132,245	111,608	38,441	150,049
APR 1	81,819	33,007	114,826	89,192	46,878	136,070
JUN 1	69,225	30,581	99,806	78,929	43,689	122,618
OCT 1	127,722	44,124	171,846			
	SOYBEANS					
JAN 1	766,335	655,724	1,422,059	927,395	837,884	1,765,279
APR 1	487,369	408,632	896,001	599,246	576,738	1,175,984
JUN 1	326,596	281,821	608,417	411,740	434,908	846,648
SEP 1	143,221	172,836	316,057			

1/ INCLUDES STOCKS AT MILLS, ELEVATORS, WAREHOUSES, TERMINALS AND PROCESSORS.

2/ PER PROGRAM MODIFICATION: STOCKS ESTIMATES FOR BARLEY AND OATS WILL BE MADE AS OF JUNE 1 EACH YEAR; SORGHUM STOCKS ESTIMATES, EACH JUNE 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1.

3/ INCLUDED IN ALL WHEAT.

GRAIN STOCKS, JUNE 1986

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GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		1986			1985		
		IN PORT	LOADED 7 DAYS	DUE NEXT 10 DAYS	IN PORT	LOADED 7 DAYS	DUE NEXT 10 DAYS
Jun	13	29	36	61	19	33	49
Jun	20	40	42	51	26	35	51
Jun	27	39	45	45	24	44	42
Jul	3	37	37	31	28	29	55
Jul	11	26	39	60	23	47	63

BOX AND COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**	PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**	RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**	PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**
Mar	1	122.8	114.6	123.3	114.5
Apr	1	122.6	113.1	123.4	115.2
May	1	122.3	112.9	123.2	115.7
Jun	1	121.6	112.0	123.2	114.3
Jul	1	121.0	112.3	123.3	114.3

**Jumbo Covered Hoppers Only

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

U.S. Loading Port	Destination	Estimated Freight Rates	Dates of Movement
Gulf	Japan	\$9.00-\$8.20(52M)	July
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.25-\$4.50(27.5M-60M)	July
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$16.25(10.5M-18M)	Jul-Aug
Gulf	Taiwan	\$12.30-\$9.32(23M-54M)	Jul-Oct
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$7.50(11M-26.3M)	July
Gulf	Egypt	\$16.00-\$11.00(17.7M-28.5M)	July
Pacific Northwest	Taiwan	\$9.50-\$7.71(27M-54M)	July
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25(14M)	Jul-Aug
Great Lakes	Egypt	\$18.62-\$13.50(25M)	July
		Top-Off \$11.45-\$6.50	
Gulf	Algeria	\$13.00(18M)	July

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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UP-Katy Merger. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has reopened a proceeding for the Union Pacific Railroad's proposed acquisition of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. The proceeding was originally opened in 1986 when the two railroads initiated their plans for a merger. The case was cancelled when the Katy failed to retrieve its outstanding debt securities as a condition of the merger. Now, since the Katy is again trying to secure its outstanding debt, the ICC is reopening the proceeding. The ICC also reinstituted a protective order allowing the railroads to exchange confidential information.

GTI, BMW Still Talking. The Guilford Transportation Industries (GTI) and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMW) met through a midnight strike deadline under the auspices of the National Mediation Board trying to resolve their differences. The union could have resumed its strike against GTI railroads on July 21 but has informed the Maine Central that the union "has no intention" of striking. Also GTI and the union are awaiting a decision on the extended layoff plan which has been appealed to the Federal court in Portland, Maine. The court will hold a hearing to decide this matter at 1:00 p.m. today. The present layoff plan is set to go into effect at midnight Wednesday, July 23.

Poor Weather Hurts Soviet Grain Harvest. Dry weather continues to plague this year's Soviet grain harvest, which will likely require additional purchases of grain from other countries in the coming year. Based on the latest assessment, the Soviet harvest is estimated at 180 million metric tons of grain this year, down 5 million metric tons from last month's forecast and 10 million metric tons less than the 1985 harvest. Estimates are that Soviet imports for 1985-86 will be about 29 million metric tons, this is down sharply from the 1984-85 total of 55.5 million metric tons. Reports also say that 1986-87 imports could climb to 34 million metric tons.

Sealed Bidding For Conrail Proposed. A bill has been introduced to sell Conrail to the highest bidder. Under the proposal the Government's 85 percent interest in Conrail would be offered by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to the public through the solicitation of sealed bids. Both railroads and non-railroads would be free to make bids. The bill was prepared by DOT at the request of Congressman Billy Tauzin (LA).

Less U.S. Wheat to China. The U.S. market share of China's wheat imports shrunk to about 8 percent last year compared to more than 50 percent share of the market at the beginning of the 1980's.

River Situation. At Locks and Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 9 tows with 63 barges have passed upbound and 11 tows with 89 barges downbound. This morning there are 3 tows waiting upbound and none down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 901 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 1,014. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 8 vessels were reported loading grain, while 15 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 4 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

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ALL WHEAT (OLD CROP) - STOCKS BY POSITIONS, BY STATES, JUNE 1, 1985-86

STATE	ON FARMS	OFF FARMS 1/	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	ON FARMS	OFF FARMS 1/	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS
	1985			1986		
	1,000 BUSHEL					
ALA	296	*	*	*	236	*
ARIZ	51	722	773	*	351	*
ARK	616	4,399	5,015	*	2,400	*
CALIF	618	3,434	4,052	2,066	10,409	12,475
COLO	31,055	22,570	53,625	33,432	29,660	63,092
DEL	4	47	51	*	54	*
FLA		598	598	*	578	*
GA	779	663	1,442	512	1,488	2,000
IDAHO	13,838	19,960	33,798	18,728	29,057	47,785
ILL	1,408	10,760	12,168	919	11,615	12,534
IND	483	5,431	5,914	742	5,562	6,304
IOWA	108	*	*	*	*	*
KANS	43,120	193,724	236,844	51,984	311,014	362,998
KY	475	859	1,334	*	1,003	*
LA	13	6,756	6,769	*	*	*
MD	36	110	146	*	356	*
MICH	1,368	6,027	7,395	1,800	8,431	10,231
MINN	62,770	37,317	100,087	113,941	73,597	187,538
MISS	50	384	434	*	*	*
MO	1,261	18,542	19,803	2,496	25,653	28,149
MONT	66,979	26,126	93,105	48,230	28,000	76,230
NEBR	28,350	42,022	70,372	28,704	66,461	95,165
NEV	276	*	*	*	*	*
N ENG		*	*	*	*	*
N J	34	6	40	*	18	*
N MEX	897	3,806	4,703	*	6,044	*
N Y	626	9,995	10,621	*	7,156	*
N C	533	2,170	2,703	*	2,906	*
N DAK	193,249	54,000	247,249	235,976	76,500	312,476
OHIO	726	10,628	11,354	1,178	12,717	13,895
OKLA	8,586	88,500	97,086	8,250	116,799	125,049
OREG	11,721	29,534	41,255	12,889	36,830	49,719
PA	334	1,717	2,051	*	1,730	*
S C	144	121	265	*	398	*
S DAK	83,185	23,038	106,223	77,851	29,758	107,609
TENN	428	2,894	3,322	*	2,726	*
TEX	3,000	104,986	107,986	2,808	180,042	182,850
UTAH	967	4,893	5,860	*	3,215	*
VA	124	1,243	1,367	*	850	*
WASH	22,449	85,775	108,224	25,650	102,031	127,681
W VA	24	*	*	*	*	*
WIS	289	15,664	15,953	*	23,933	*
WYO	807	2,037	2,844	*	2,629	*
UNALL*		1,705	2,409	12,903	6,864	76,350
U S	582,077	843,163	1,425,240	681,059	1,219,071	1,900,130

* INCLUDED IN UNALLOCATED "OFF FARMS" TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS; IN UNALLOCATED "ON FARMS", MINOR STATES NOT PUBLISHED SEPARATELY ARE INCLUDED.

1/ INCLUDES STOCKS AT MILLS, ELEVATORS, WAREHOUSES, TERMINALS, AND PROCESSORS.



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1985

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

Jun 19	38,464*	54,526
Jun 26	51,590	58,096
Jul 3	42,836	49,329
Jul 10	46,995	47,338
Calendar Year to Date	1,490,924	1,922,985

* Revised

RAIL CARLOADINGS

Jun 21	27,849	27,138
Jun 28	27,273	25,441
Jul 5	21,476	22,925
Jul 12	23,962	25,103
Calendar Year to Date	601,930	630,031*

* Revised

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS (Carloads)

	<u>North</u> <u>Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic</u> <u>& Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific</u> <u>Coast</u>	<u>North</u> <u>Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic</u> <u>& Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific</u> <u>Coast</u>
Jun 18	71	2,103	1,440	223	2,602	2,351
Jun 25	20	3,329	1,624	490	2,008	2,000
Jul 2	136	3,468	1,930	381	2,931	2,897
Jul 9	57	3,283	1,139	300	1,971	1,582
CY to Date	26,669	74,596	48,313	45,101	90,947	80,719

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}
Jun 6	3.13	2.62	5.40	3.51	2.83	5.73
Jun 13	2.79	2.58	5.32	3.45	2.86	5.87
Jun 20	2.64	2.56	5.33	3.35	2.84	5.82
Jun 27	2.58	2.47	5.28	3.24	2.74	5.72
Jul 4	2.46	2.20	5.17	3.19	2.76	5.63

(Wheat-#1 HRW - ORD., Kansas City; Corn #2 Yellow, Chicago; SB-#1 Yellow, Chicago)

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MAJOR EXPORT SALES*
(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
		<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>
Jun	12	5,153	3,450	1,855	3,707	5,502	1,465
Jun	19	5,249	3,685	1,831	3,683	5,413	1,606
Jun	26	5,195	3,623	1,657	3,394	5,260	1,656
Jul	3	4,927	3,964	1,823	3,699	5,379	1,804
Jul	10	5,055	3,959	1,865	3,991	5,338	1,764

*Unshipped Balances-Current & Next Marketing Year

GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

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Jul	3	37	37	31	28	29	55
Jul	11	26	39	60	23	47	63
Jul	18	34	45	60	26	40	44

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(1,000 Cars)

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OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$8.50-\$8.20(52M)	July
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$4.93-\$4.75(47M-50M)	Jul-Aug
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$16.25(10.5M-18M)	Jul-Aug
Gulf	Taiwan	\$12.30-\$8.50(23M-55M)	Jul-Oct
Gulf	Venezuela	\$13.00-\$9.10(12M-25M)	July
Gulf	Egypt	\$16.00-\$10.50(17.7M-31M)	July
Pacific Northwest	Taiwan	\$9.50-\$7.71(27M-54M)	July
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25-\$22.50(13M-14M)	Jul-Aug
Great Lakes	Egypt	\$18.62-\$13.50(17M-25M)	July
	Top-Off	\$11.45-\$6.50	

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Storage Crunch Forecast for Midwest Grain. The Midwest may be facing a shortage of grain storage space as the 1986 farm harvest progresses. In many states, barges, railcars, and warehouses are being prepared to store grain. Officials expect a substantial amount will also be stored on the ground temporarily. The storage problem may be eased somewhat by the drought in the Southeast which should stimulate the movement of feed grains into that area. The extent of the storage problem will become evident around October 15 when the Midwest corn harvest is in full swing. Page 2 will show the stocks of grains at selected terminal and elevator sites.

Rail Strike Averted. A strike scheduled between the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWE) and Guilford Transportation Industries appears to have been averted and negotiations are continuing. Although the carrier and the BMWE have not reached an agreement and the cooling-off period has expired, neither party has taken any actions against the other. The dispute is centered around wage rate, job security, and work rules. Officials on Guilford have indicated that they do not anticipate any problems with the negotiations and the dispute should be resolved in the near future.

Commission Denies SF-SP Merger. On July 24, 1986, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) denied the merger between the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad (SF) and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SP). In its 4-to-1 vote, the ICC ruled that the merger would not be in the best interest of the public. The SF was also ordered to divest its holdings of the SP as soon as possible. No timetable was set during the hearing. The ICC also ruled that they have jurisdiction over the divestiture proceedings which will be conducted by the SF.

ILA Contract Negotiations. The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) rejected a 3-year master agreement offered by the New York Shipping Association (NYSA) July 18. However, the union left open for further discussion a proposal by the Council of North Atlantic Shipping Association's (CONASA). Negotiations between the ILA and NYSA have centered around NYSA's proposal calling for straight time wages to remain fixed at the current \$17 per hour for the next 3 years. The CONASA proposal called for a tiered wage system beginning at \$17 per hour for automated ship work and \$14 per hour for breakbulk and bulk work that would increase by 50 cents per hour in the third contract year. Negotiations should continue around the second week in August.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 9 tows with 64 barges have passed upbound and 10 tows with 73 barges downbound. This morning there are 3 tows waiting upbound and 1 down. Also the Gallipolis Locks & Dam on the Ohio River will be closed until July 31, 1986. The auxiliary lock at Gallipolis will be used while the main lock is being repaired. At the Gulf on Thursday, 812 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 819. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge area last Friday, 7 vessels were reported loading grain, while 14 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 3 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 4 waited.

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STOCKS OF GRAIN
AT
SELECTED TERMINAL & ELEVATOR SITES

SUMMARY IN		1,000 BUSHELS					07/15/86			
AREA		Wheat	Corn	Soybeans	Sorghum	Oats	Barley	Rye	Sunflower Seeds	% of Cap filled
Atlantic Coast	this week	4756	7378	608	3	39	863	0	0	35
	last week	5126	7436	581	3	34	886	0	0	36
	change	-370	-58	27	0	5	-23	0	0	-1
Great Lakes Toledo	this week	6759	23819	2545	0	243	0	0	0	68
	last week	4488	23494	2597	0	241	0	0	0	62
	change	2271	325	-52	0	2	0	0	0	6
Buffalo	this week	6245	0	0	0	0	36	45	0	47
	last week	5936	0	0	0	0	46	59	0	45
	change	309	0	0	0	0	-10	-14	0	2
Chicago	this week	2441	19309	7223	0	492	0	542	0	55
	last week	2301	18928	6990	0	608	0	542	0	54
	change	140	381	233	0	-116	0	0	0	1
Milwaukee	this week	1964	4948	259	0	0	12	0	0	79
	last week	1957	4896	258	0	0	12	0	0	78
	change	7	52	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Duluth	this week	21843	145	0	0	96	21539	931	1649	62
	last week	21893	147	0	0	98	22680	931	2085	65
	change	-50	-2	0	0	-2	-1121	0	-436	-3
Great Lakes TOTAL	this week	39252	48221	10027	0	831	21607	1518	1649	61
River Points Minneapolis	this week	37592	9729	4591	0	1283	3183	7598	0	63
	last week	37557	9408	4203	0	1282	2998	7594	0	62
	change	35	321	388	0	1	185	4	0	1
Peoria	this week	40	2631	89	0	0	0	0	0	47
	last week	33	2736	59	0	0	0	0	0	48
	change	7	-105	30	0	0	0	0	0	-1
St. Louis	this week	5792	5341	944	852	93	0	0	0	73
	last week	5739	4296	1005	661	106	0	0	0	66
	change	53	1045	-61	191	-13	0	0	0	7
Sioux City	this week	192	3034	1176	317	107	53	12	0	63
	last week	181	3952	1140	319	96	57	12	0	74
	change	11	-918	36	-2	11	-4	0	0	-11
Omaha- Council Bluffs	this week	1400	17191	1301	309	140	14	0	0	81
	last week	814	17016	1232	342	125	14	0	0	78
	change	586	175	69	-33	15	0	0	0	3
Atchinson	this week	8293	5135	461	7024	35	0	0	0	82
	last week	8192	5133	468	7003	14	0	0	0	82
	change	101	2	-7	21	21	0	0	0	0
St. Joseph	this week	971	4200	1500	1949	0	0	0	0	44
	last week	919	3552	1682	1952	0	0	0	0	41
	change	52	648	-182	-3	0	0	0	0	3
Kansas City	this week	29035	4478	2009	22813	18	0	0	0	78
	last week	26556	4429	2135	22686	9	0	0	0	75
	change	2479	49	-126	127	9	0	0	0	3
River Points TOTAL	this week	83315	51739	12071	33264	1676	3250	7610	0	69

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INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

Jun 26	51,590	58,096
Jul 3	42,836	49,329
Jul 10	46,995	47,338
Jul 17	44,606	49,000
Calendar Year to Date	1,535,530	1,971,985

RAIL CARLOADINGS

Jun 28	27,273	25,441
Jul 5	21,476	22,925
Jul 12	23,962	25,103
Jul 19	25,518	21,504
Calendar Year to Date	627,448	651,535

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS (Carloads)

	<u>North</u> <u>Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic</u> <u>& Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific</u> <u>Coast</u>	<u>North</u> <u>Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic</u> <u>& Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific</u> <u>Coast</u>
Jun 25	20	3,329	1,624	490	2,008	2,000
Jul 2	136	3,468	1,930	381	2,931	2,897
Jul 9	57	3,283	1,139	300	1,971	1,582
Jul 16	196	2,620	1,145	261	2,558	2,530
CY to Date	26,865	77,216	49,458	45,362	93,505	83,249

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

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Jun 13	2.79	2.58	5.32	3.45	2.86	5.87
Jun 20	2.64	2.56	5.33	3.35	2.84	5.82
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Jul 11	2.47	2.03	5.17	3.21	2.80	5.75

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(1,000 Metric Tons)

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Jun	19	5,249	3,685	1,831	3,683	5,413	1,606
Jun	26	5,195	3,623	1,657	3,394	5,260	1,656
Jul	3	4,927	3,964	1,823	3,699	5,379	1,804
Jul	10	5,055	3,959	1,865	3,991	5,338	1,764
Jul	17	5,499	3,870	1,973	4,127	5,568	1,794

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<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$8.50-\$7.40(52M)	Jul-Aug
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$4.93-\$4.75(47M-50M)	Jul-Aug
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$20.50-\$16.00(10.5M-18M)	Jul-Aug
Gulf	Taiwan	\$12.30-\$8.50(23M-55M)	Jul-Oct
Gulf	Egypt	\$16.00-\$10.50(17.7M-31M)	July
Great Lakes	Mexico (EC)	\$23.25-\$22.50(13M-14M)	Jul-Aug
Great Lakes	Egypt	\$18.62-\$13.50(17M-25M)	Jul-Aug
		Top-Off \$11.45-\$6.50	
Great Lakes	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$11.00(17.1M)	August
	Hamburg		
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$10.20-\$10.00(22M-29M)	August

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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BI-MONTHLY GRAIN UPDATE

The 1986/87 U.S. wheat export forecast is 30.5 million tons, about 5 million tons higher than in 1985/86, but still well below the record 1981/82 level of 49 million tons. Rain in some areas of the soft red winter production may cause some quality problems, but quality is for the most part, excellent. The winter wheat harvest, as of July 20, was 82 percent complete, with the total wheat harvest for '86 forecast at nearly 59 million tons.

Coarse grain supply in the world market ^{U.S. GOVT. PUBS. DEPOSITORY 376} continues to build as record supplies from bumper crops and record carry-over stocks are more than adequate for the relatively weak demand for 1986/87. The widening gap between world supply and demand has resulted in an anticipated 1986/87 ending stocks at nearly 200 million tons, or about a quarter of world use. The U.S. ending grain stocks are forecast at 156 million tons.

Subsidized grain sales to the Soviet Union on a limited basis, was announced last Friday as an enhancement for the Soviets to buy 4 million metric tons of wheat which would fulfill their obligation under the long-term agreement. Last year the Soviets failed to meet its obligation to buy U.S. wheat under the 5-year grain agreement. Even though they bought a record 18.6 million tons of grain, only 2.9 million of that was wheat. So far this year, they have bought 152,600 tons of wheat which is far short of the 4 million ton obligation. Four million metric tons of wheat equates to 147 million bushels or less than half of the estimated Kansas wheat production this year. The 1985/86 Soviet grain agreement year will run through September 30, 1986.

Through the first 6 months of the calendar year, inspections for export are 23.7 percent off compared to the same period last year. Exports off the Lakes are running 54.1 percent behind last year. Total rail deliveries are currently 33.1 percent off of last years pace with the Atlantic and the Pacific Coast dropping 42.5 percent and 40.7 percent, respectively.

The severe drought in the Southeastern part of the U.S. has caused extensive damage to the coarse grain crop. To aid drought-stricken farmers, Secretary Lyng announced a program that will help make grain available to feed livestock by moving Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) grain from storage facilities located in the Midwest to facilities in the Southeast. The repositioning of the CCC grain stocks should total approximately 18 to 20 million bushels.

At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 13 tows with 104 barges have passed upbound and 9 tows with 58 barges downbound. This morning there are no tows waiting upbound and none down. At the Gulf on Thursday 897 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 891. At the Gulf, in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge area last Friday, 7 vessels were reported loading grain while 18 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 3 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 3 waited.

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WHEAT INSPECTED FOR EXPORT BY CLASS, REGION AND PORT AREA
JUNE 1983 - MAY 1984
-1,000 BUSHELS-

AREA	HARD RED SPRING	HARD RED WINTER	SOFT RED WINTER	WHITE	DURUM	MIXED	TOTAL
ST LAUR SWY							
MONTREAL	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
SEAWAY PORTS	1,123	0	7,673	6,467	1,821	0	17,084
SUBTOTAL	1,123	0	7,673	6,467	1,821	0	17,094
LAKES							
(OVERSEAS)							
CHICAGO AREA	0		2,365	0	0	0	2,365
DULUTH-SUPR	27,293	0	0	0	26,197	0	53,490
TOLEDO AREA	0	0	1,889	227	0	0	2,116
SAGINAW AREA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	27,293	0	4,454	227	26,197	0	58,171
ATLANTIC							
NORTH	0	0	0	4,662	0	0	4,662
SOUTH	0	0	38,129	7,108	0	0	45,237
SUBTOTAL	0	0	38,129	11,770	0	0	49,899
GULF							
MISS RIVER	40,837	11,332	79,017	0	13,202	3,863	148,251
EAST GULF	0	0	6,897	0	405	0	7,302
N TEX GULF	5,065	233,071	4,446	0	4,462	0	247,044
S TEX GULF	0	24,758	642	0	0	0	25,400
SUBTOTAL	45,902	269,161	91,002	0	18,069	3,863	427,997
PACIFIC							
COLUMBIA RIVER	78,968	71,142	0	121,389	2,098	0	273,597
PUGET SOUND	1,424	193	0	7,085	0	0	8,702
CALIFORNIA	0	9,329	0	0	3,034	0	12,363
SUBTOTAL	80,392	80,664	0	128,474	5,132	0	294,662
INTERIOR	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTALS							
JUN 83-MAY 84	154,710	349,825	141,260	146,940	51,227	3,863	847,825
JUN 84-MAY 85	177,714	644,312	247,357	207,194	60,550	4,810	1,361,937

WHEAT SHIPPED FOR STORAGE IN CANADA IS REPORTED AT THE TIME OF SHIPMENT FROM ST LAUR SWY PORTS

WHEAT INSPECTED FOR EXPORT BY CLASS, REGION AND PORT AREA
JUNE 1984 - MAY 1985
-1,000 BUSHELS-

PORT AREA	HARD RED SPRING	HARD RED WINTER	SOFT RED WINTER	WHITE	DURUM	MIXED	TOTAL
ST LAUR SWY							
SEAWAY PORTS	8,641	-	7,899	5,960	13,505	-	36,005
SUBTOTAL	8,641	0	7,899	5,960	13,505	0	36,005
LAKES							
(OVERSEAS)							
CHICAGO AREA	-	-	3,160	-	-	-	3,160
DULUTH-SUPR	29,409	789	-	-	30,421	-	60,619
TOLEDO AREA	-	-	4,127	2,402	-	-	6,529
SAGINAW AREA	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
SUBTOTAL	29,409	789	7,287	2,402	30,421	0	70,308
ATLANTIC							
NORTH	-	-	609	3,333	-	-	4,142
SOUTH	100	-	40,007	1,425	-	-	41,532
SUBTOTAL	100	0	40,616	4,958	0	0	45,674
GULF							
MISS RIVER	51,300	26,671	178,015	-	8,938	4,197	269,141
EAST GULF	-	-	11,257	-	216	-	11,473
N TEX GULF	2,109	517,698	2,283	-	1,866	613	524,569
S TEX GULF	-	28,151	-	-	-	-	28,151
SUBTOTAL	53,409	572,520	191,555	0	11,040	4,810	833,334
PACIFIC							
COLUMBIA R	86,155	76,033	-	167,251	104	-	329,543
PUGET SOUND	-	1,107	-	26,623	60	-	27,790
CALIFORNIA	-	13,863	-	-	5,420	-	19,283
SUBTOTAL	86,155	91,003	0	193,874	5,584	0	376,616
INTERIOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS							
JUNE 84 - MAY 85	177,714	644,312	247,357	207,194	60,550	4,810	1,361,937
JUNE 85 - MAY 86	206,728	636,581	212,064	216,169	58,576	3,409	1,333,527

WHEAT SHIPPED FOR STORAGE IN CANADA IS REPORTED AT THE TIME OF SHIPMENT FROM ST LAUR SWY PORTS
 SOURCE: FEDERAL GRAIN INSPECTION SERVICE

EXPORT SITUATION: JUNE, 1986

- 1,000 BUSHEL -

EXPORT REGION	WHEAT			
	1985 TOTAL	1985 TO DATE	1986 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
LAKES	71,930	17,127	20,855	21.8
ATLANTIC	50,191	18,992	13,791	-27.4
GULF	476,731	254,295	207,396	-18.4
PACIFIC	306,887	161,979	146,045	-9.8
INTERIOR	0	0	2	0.0
TOTALS	905,739	452,393	388,089	-14.2

EXPORT REGION	CORN			
	1985 TOTAL	1985 TO DATE	1986 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
LAKES	82,109	39,163	4,819	-87.7
ATLANTIC	232,338	124,353	51,089	-58.9
GULF	1,079,870	599,580	381,102	-36.4
PACIFIC	288,057	161,831	87,920	-45.7
INTERIOR	34,773	13,952	10,535	-24.5
TOTALS	1,717,147	938,879	535,465	-43.0

EXPORT REGION	SOYBEANS			
	1985 TOTAL	1985 TO DATE	1986 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
LAKES	28,478	9,967	9,435	-5.3
ATLANTIC	61,765	36,773	40,693	10.7
GULF	489,390	238,991	357,256	49.5
PACIFIC	18,643	10,220	11,156	9.2
INTERIOR	25,352	17,850	10,896	-39.0
TOTALS	623,628	313,801	429,436	36.8

EXPORT REGION	ALL GRAINS			
	1985 TOTAL	1985 TO DATE	1986 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
LAKES	219,248	86,740	39,788	-54.1
ATLANTIC	348,959	182,047	105,573	-42.0
GULF	2,248,601	1,183,915	1,000,206	-15.5
PACIFIC	655,838	364,511	252,005	-30.9
INTERIOR	84,542	55,832	31,021	-44.4
TOTALS	3,557,188	1,873,045	1,428,593	-23.7

NOTE: SUMS ARE ON CALENDAR YEAR BASIS TO REPORTING DATE.

RAIL CARLOADINGS SITUATION: JUNE 28, 1986

RAILROAD	1985 TOTAL	1985 TO DATE	1986 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
BN	291,407	129,757	141,032	8.7
CNW	94,633	49,927	55,419	11.0
UP	165,764	103,573	91,497	-11.7
ATSF	120,926	62,506	58,828	-5.9
NW	62,373	29,978	31,184	4.0
CR	61,744	31,315	21,598	-31.0
ICG	63,766	36,551	20,799	-43.1
SBD	60,160	27,785	23,601	-15.1
SOO	59,556	33,725	36,570	8.4
SOU	30,454	12,831	12,511	-2.5
CO	30,100	14,796	18,837	27.3
MKT	24,272	16,434	11,547	-29.7
OTHER	81,903	32,842	33,092	0.8
TOTAL	1,147,058	582,020	556,515	-4.4

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORT SITUATION: JULY 2, 1986

PORT AREA	1985 TOTAL	1985 TO DATE	1986 TO DATE	PERCENT CHANGE
- CARS -				
ATLANTIC				
NORTH	10,231	8,518	242	-97.2
SOUTH	80,615	42,863	29,321	-31.6
SUBTOTAL	90,846	51,381	29,563	-42.5
GULF				
EAST	14,270	5,978	8,902	48.9
MISSISSIPPI R.	20,898	13,085	13,490	3.1
NORTH TEXAS	98,332	60,679	43,844	-27.7
SOUTH TEXAS	11,326	6,269	2,126	-66.1
SUBTOTAL	144,826	86,011	68,362	-20.5
PACIFIC				
CALIFORNIA	8,148	7,718	334	-95.7
COLUMBIA R.	92,442	49,387	33,812	-31.5
PUGET SOUND	35,676	22,498	13,028	-42.1
SUBTOTAL	136,266	79,603	47,174	-40.7
TOTAL	371,938	216,995	145,099	-33.1

NOTE: SUMS INCLUDE 26 WEEKS OF CALENDAR YEAR TO REPORTING DATE.
CARS ARE CONVERTED TO BUSHELS AT 3,300 PER CAR.

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More Barges Used for Grain Storage. The Department announced July 17 that they will utilize excess barge capacity as temporary storage for grain stocks. The Maritime Administration estimates that there are over 3,000 excess dry cargo barges available for grain storage. According to Departmental sources, 1,000 barges will be used to store about 50 million bushels of corn. Additional information can be obtained by contacting James Schlick, Project Manager, USDA, 202-447-2121.

Storage Problems May be the Worst in History. A consultant for commercial grain warehouses told a House agriculture subcommittee that the availability of grain storage space this fall may be the worst in the Nation's history. He said a 28-state survey showed 20.7 billion bushels of total on and off farm storage capacity, with 19.2 billion bushels of the space already in use or 93 percent of capacity. USDA officials said that there would be storage space available nationwide, but there will be a shortage of space in most of the corn belt states. The worst hit states are Indiana with a 20 percent deficit in storage space, followed by Missouri and Ohio at 16 percent deficit, and Illinois with a 5 percent deficit in storage space requirements.

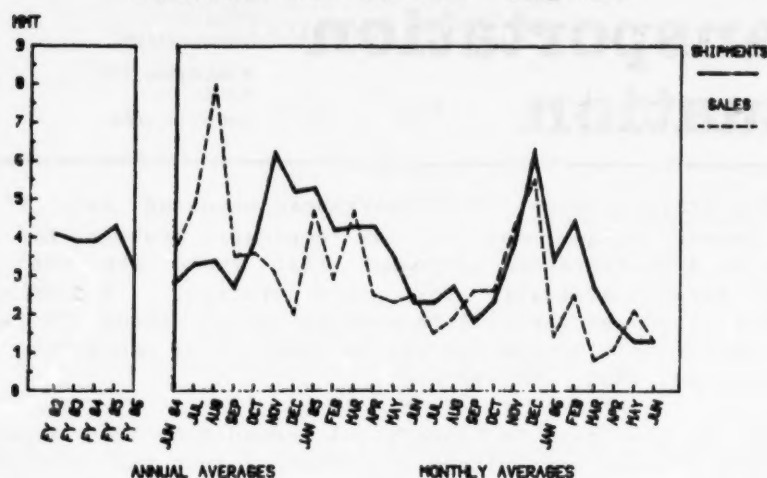
Seaway Tonnage Down. Depressed grain traffic has helped to reduce Seaway tonnage between Montreal and Lake Ontario. Overall, traffic is currently running 11 percent below that of last year, when 37.3 million metric tons of freight was handled. The Seaway Authority said it had to dip into reserves for \$25 million to allow Seaway rates to remain frozen in 1985. This year it imposed a 15 percent increase on the 27.6-mile Welland Canal between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, while leaving other rates unchanged.

Guilford Labor Dispute. The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWE) has asked a Federal Court to issue a temporary restraining order to block Guilford Transportation Industries (GTI) from continuing new work rules posted at its Maine Central Railroad. GTI put the new rules into effect after the expiration of a cooling-off period. The BMWE is challenging the action saying technical errors were made by GTI when applying provisions of the Railway Labor Act. Also, the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved a joint House-Senate resolution to extend the cooling-off period by 60 days as H.J. Res. 683 would create an independent panel to investigate the matter and report to Congress no later than September 8.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 10 tows with 97 barges have passed upbound and 12 tows with 82 barges downbound. This morning there was 1 tow waiting upbound and 1 down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 664 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 850. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 4 vessels were reported loading grain, while 3 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 4 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 11 waited.

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U.S. CORN SHIPMENTS AND SALES
ANNUAL MONTHLY AVERAGES FOR FY 1982 - 1986 (PROJ)
AND MONTHLY FROM JUNE 1984 - JUNE 1986



U.S. CORN and SORGHUM EXPORT COMMITMENTS to MAJOR DESTINATIONS
(OCTOBER/SEPTEMBER — 1,000 TONS) 1/

Destination:	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85		1985/86
	Total Exports	Total Exports	Total Exports	Committed as of 6/19/85	Committed as of 6/19/86
-- CORN --					
EC-12	8,454	7,998	5,920	4,229	2,925
Other W. Europe	302	181	84	176	23
Eastern Europe	1,315	704	606	521	922
USSR	3,100	6,300	14,400	15,757	6,809
China	2,161	30	0	0	0
Japan	13,180	13,781	11,117	10,602	8,489
Taiwan	3,000	2,694	3,079	2,994	2,619
Rep. of Korea	3,908	2,972	1,454	1,366	1,063
Egypt	1,516	1,303	1,399	1,135	1,330
Canada	344	283	421	226	25
Mexico	4,091	2,808	1,420	1,259	1,448
Venezuela	892	1,140	653	567	0
Others	5,263	7,140	6,122	4,597	3,569
TOTAL	47,526	47,334	46,675	43,429	29,221
-- SORGHUM --					
Spain	294	582	114	93	14
Other W. Europe	67	18	41	29	25
Japan	741	1,505	2,726	2,393	2,304
Israel	341	574	503	512	363
Mexico	3,260	2,758	2,156	1,947	287
Venezuela	243	206	1,033	817	722
Others	457	583	976	582	172
TOTAL	5,403	6,226	7,549	6,373	3,887

1/ Accumulated shipments and sales, excluding sales for next marketing year.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Census and U.S. Export Sales.



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WEEK
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COMPARABLE WEEK
1985

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

Jul 10	46,995	47,338
Jul 17	44,606	49,000
Jul 24	43,605	42,673
Jul 31	54,010	46,776
Calendar Year to Date	1,633,145	2,061,434

RAIL CARLOADINGS

Jul 12	23,962	25,103
Jul 19	25,518	21,504
Jul 26	26,775	20,716
Aug 2	24,246	20,861
Calendar Year to Date	678,486*	693,501*

*Revised

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS (Carloads)

	<u>North Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic & Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific Coast</u>	<u>North Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic & Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific Coast</u>
Jul 9	57	3,283	1,139	300	1,971	1,582
Jul 16	196	2,620	1,145	261	2,558	2,530
Jul 23	382	3,620	1,062	60	2,848	2,420
Jul 30	296	3,191	1,296	202	2,081	1,911
CY to Date	27,543	84,027	51,816	45,624	98,434	87,580

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}
Jun 27	2.58	2.47	5.28	3.24	2.74	5.72
Jul 4	2.46	2.20	5.17	3.19	2.76	5.63
Jul 11	2.47	2.03	5.17	3.21	2.80	5.75
Jul 18	2.54	2.09	5.29	3.18	2.80	5.65
Jul 25	2.48	2.06	5.34	3.14	2.75	5.46

(Wheat-#1 HRW - ORD., Kansas City; Corn #2 Yellow, Chicago; SB-#1 Yellow, Chicago)

^{1/} Bought to arrive 15 days.

^{2/} Bought to arrive 30 days.

MAJOR EXPORT SALES*
(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
		<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>
Jul	3	4,927	3,964	1,823	3,699	5,379	1,804
Jul	10	5,055	3,959	1,865	3,991	5,338	1,764
Jul	17	5,499	3,870	1,973	4,127	5,568	1,794
Jul	24	5,469	4,222	2,163	3,982	6,025	1,831
Jul	31	5,151	4,460	2,326	3,913	6,476	2,009

*Unshipped Balances-Current & Next Marketing Year

GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
Jul	11	26	39	60	23	47	63
Jul	18	34	45	60	26	40	44
Jul	25	31	47	57	28	34	49
Aug	1	20	45	37	29	36	44
Aug	8	18	36	46	31	45	51

COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>
Apr	1	122.6	113.1	123.4	115.2
May	1	122.3	112.9	123.2	115.7
Jun	1	121.6	112.0	123.2	114.3
Jul	1	121.0	112.3	123.3	114.3
Aug	1	121.3	112.8	123.8	115.3

**Jumbo Covered Hoppers Only

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$7.90-\$7.35(47M-52M)	Aug-Sep
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp Hamburg	\$4.75-\$4.65(46M-50M)	August
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$16.40(15M)	August
Gulf	Taiwan	\$12.30-\$8.40(25M-55M)	Aug-Oct
Gulf	Egypt	\$14.75(20M)	August
Great Lakes	Egypt	\$14.00(18M)	August
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Conrail Rate Increase. Conrail has announced a general price increase of 3.5 percent, effective October 1, on rates for all regulated and deregulated freight traffic except for piggyback (trailer-on-flat-car) freight and "where contractual arrangements provide otherwise." The rate hike applies to about two-thirds of Conrail's traffic volume. According to Conrail, the increase is the result of "generally strong business conditions, which have led already to price increases in industries."

Drought Halts Barge Traffic on Southern Rivers. Drought in the Southeast has halted shipping on the Chattahoochee, Flint, and Apalachicola rivers, and farmers and industries relying on this type of transportation may face higher costs. The drought has been a major setback for the Tri-Rivers System, which has been working to establish barges as a low cost alternative to trucks and trains. The system has five ports; Columbus and Bainbridge, Georgia; Phenix City and Eufala, Alabama; and Sneads, Florida. The channel south of Bainbridge has dropped four-and-a half feet below its nine-foot optimum depth for barges. The barges deliver grain, steel, fertilizer, and its components--potash, ammonium nitrate, and anhydrous ammonia--to industries along the Flint River's west bank and return to the Gulf with corn, soybeans, and other farm commodities. In Alabama and Georgia alone, five river ports have become major shipping points for agricultural products.

ICC Orders Rail Rate Cut. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) has ordered railroads to reduce the latest quarterly rate increase (1.1 percent) to reflect lower fuel costs. The Staggers Rail Act of 1980 established a mechanism by which rail rates can be changed expeditiously to reflect changes in rail costs. Under the Rail Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF) rail carriers are permitted to increase freight rates based on an anticipated increase in the cost of fuel. However, it was not clear whether the ICC had authority to order rates reduced when the index goes down. Concerned about the effect rail transportation costs have on the agricultural producer, the Department filed comments in this proceeding, noting that Congress intended the RCAF to be an adjustment factor reflecting current costs, not a revenue generator for the rail carriers. We urged the ICC to require rate reductions whenever there is a lowering of the RCAF.

Soviets May Import More Wheat. Sources within the grain trade report that the Soviet Union is likely to buy more wheat and other grains this year than was previously reported. The Department's revised coarse grain import forecast calls for purchases of 1 million tons more than indicated in the July estimates for a total of 17 million tons.

River Situation. At Locks & Dam 26, during the previous 24 hours, 10 tows with 91 barges have passed upbound and 11 tows with 118 barges downbound. This morning there is 1 tow waiting upbound and 2 down. At the Gulf on Thursday, 682 barges were waiting to unload grains, oilseeds, and products. The total empty barges on hand was 815. At the Gulf in the New Orleans/Baton Rouge areas last Friday, 5 vessels were reported loading grain, while 5 waited. In the Columbia River Basin, also on Friday, 4 vessels were at berth being loaded, while 9 waited.

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U.S. WHEAT SHIPMENTS, SALES, and INSPECTIONS
(JUNE/MAY--MILLION TONS)

----- Monthly SHIPMENTS -----			Weekly and Annual INSPECTION Rates		
For Period Ending	1984/85	1985/86		MT	BU
Mar. 20	1.5	1.8	Week Ending June 12	0.5	18.3
Apr. 17	1.8	1.5	Week Ending June 19	0.5	17.9
May 22	1.6	1.3			
Cumulative for MY..	35.7	22.3	Official Estimate for 1986/87		
			(Grain only)	28.2	1035
	1985/86	1986/87	Implied Weekly Average	0.5	19.9
June 19	1.5	1.5			
Cumulative for MY..	1.2	1.0	Weekly Average for		
			Latest Six Weeks	0.4	13.1
			Marketing Year-to-Date		
			Weekly Average	0.4	14.5
			MY Year-to-Date Average		
			Extrapolated Annually	20.6	756
			Weekly Average Required		
			during Remainder of MY to		
			Achieve Official Estimate ..	0.5	20.2
			Weeks Remaining 49		
----- Monthly SALES 1/ -----					
For Period Ending	1984/85	1985/86			
Mar. 20	1.6	1.8			
Apr. 17	1.4	1.5			
May 22	2.0	2.0			
Cumulative for MY..	39.6	27.4			
	1985/86	1986/87			
June 19	1.4	1.7			
Cumulative for MY..	1.1	1.2			

1/ Sales made since the beginning of the applicable marketing year, including sales for shipment in the next marketing year.

SOURCE: Shipments and sales data from U.S. Export Sales. Inspections data from the Federal Grain Inspection Service.

SUPPLY and DISTRIBUTION of U.S. WHEAT by CLASS
(MILLION BUSHELS)

Marketing Year beginning June 1	Hard Winter	Hard Spring	Soft Red	White	Durum	Total
--- 1984/85 ---						
Beginning Stocks	745	314	74	167	99	1,399
Production	1,251	409	531	301	103	2,595
Total Supply 1/	1,996	725	605	470	207	4,003
Domestic Use	562	171	288	87	46	1,153
Exports	717	183	253	210	61	1,424
Total Use	1,279	354	541	297	107	2,578
Ending Stocks	717	371	64	173	100	1,425
--- 1985/86 ---						
Beginning Stocks	717	371	64	173	100	1,425
Production	1,230	460	368	254	113	2,425
Total Supply 1/	1,947	837	432	430	218	3,864
Domestic Use	556	183	215	76	55	1,085
Exports	415	162	147	135	51	910
Total Use	971	345	362	211	106	1,995
Ending Stocks	976	492	70	219	112	1,869

1/ Includes imports.

SOURCE: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, No. 194 - June 10, 1986.



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WEEK
ENDED

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COMPARABLE WEEK
1985

INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT (1,000 Bushels)

Jul 17	44,606	49,000
Jul 24	43,605	42,673
Jul 31	54,010	46,776
Aug 7	50,639	58,644
Calendar Year to Date	1,683,784	2,120,078

RAIL CARLOADINGS

Jul 19	25,518	21,504
Jul 26	26,775	20,716
Aug 2	24,246	20,861
Aug 9	25,186	20,863
Calendar Year to Date	703,672	714,364

RAIL DELIVERIES TO PORTS (Carloads)

	<u>North</u> <u>Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic</u> <u>& Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific</u> <u>Coast</u>	<u>North</u> <u>Atlantic</u>	<u>So. Atlantic</u> <u>& Gulf</u>	<u>Pacific</u> <u>Coast</u>
Jul 16	196	2,620	1,145	261	2,558	2,530
Jul 23	382	3,620	1,062	60	2,848	2,420
Jul 30	296	3,191	1,296	202	2,081	1,911
Aug 6	185	3,858	2,083	222	2,133	2,110
CY to Date	27,728	87,885	53,899	45,846	100,567	89,690

AVERAGE GRAIN PRICES (\$ Per Bushel)

	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u> ^{1/}	<u>SOYBEANS</u> ^{2/}
Jul 4	2.46	2.20	5.17	3.19	2.76	5.63
Jul 11	2.47	2.03	5.17	3.21	2.80	5.75
Jul 18	2.54	2.09	5.29	3.18	2.80	5.65
Jul 25	2.48	2.06	5.34	3.14	2.75	5.46
Aug 1	2.52	1.96	4.96	3.06	2.62	5.29

(Wheat-#1 HRW - ORD., Kansas City; Corn #2 Yellow, Chicago; SB-#1 Yellow, Chicago)

^{1/} Bought to arrive 15 days.

^{2/} Bought to arrive 30 days.

MAJOR EXPORT SALES*
(1,000 Metric Tons)

<u>WEEK ENDED</u>		<u>1986</u>			<u>1985</u>		
		<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>	<u>WHEAT</u>	<u>CORN</u>	<u>SOYBEANS</u>
Jul	10	5,055	3,959	1,865	3,991	5,338	1,764
Jul	17	5,499	3,870	1,973	4,127	5,568	1,794
Jul	24	5,469	4,222	2,163	3,982	6,025	1,831
Jul	31	5,151	4,460	2,326	3,913	6,476	2,009
Aug	7	5,268	4,778	2,487	4,006	6,440	1,990

*Unshipped Balances-Current & Next Marketing Year

GULF COAST OCEAN GRAIN VESSELS

		<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>	<u>IN PORT</u>	<u>LOADED 7 DAYS</u>	<u>DUE NEXT 10 DAYS</u>
Jul	18	34	45	60	26	40	44
Jul	25	31	47	57	28	34	49
Aug	1	20	45	37	29	36	44
Aug	8	18	36	46	31	45	51
Aug	15	23	28	55	30	24	62

COVERED HOPPER CAR OWNERSHIP
(1,000 Cars)

		<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>RAILROADS COVERED HOPPER**</u>	<u>PRIVATE COVERED HOPPER**</u>
Apr	1	122.6	113.1	123.4	115.2
May	1	122.3	112.9	123.2	115.7
Jun	1	121.6	112.0	123.2	114.3
Jul	1	121.0	112.3	123.3	114.3
Aug	1	121.3	112.8	123.8	115.3

**Jumbo Covered Hoppers Only

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES*
(Dollars/Ton - Basis Vessel Size/Ton)

<u>U.S. Loading Port</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Estimated Freight Rates</u>	<u>Dates of Movement</u>
Gulf	Japan	\$8.00-\$7.35(47M-52M)	Aug-Sep
Gulf	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$6.00-\$4.65(25M-76M)	August
	Hamburg		
Great Lakes	Algeria	\$16.40(15M-18M)	August
Gulf	Taiwan	\$12.30-\$8.40(25M-55M)	Aug-Oct
Gulf	Egypt	\$14.75(20M)	August
Great Lakes	Egypt	\$14.00(18M)	August
Great Lakes	Rotterdam/Antwerp	\$11.00-\$10.75(25M)	August
	Hamburg		
Pacific Northwest	Japan	\$10.00-\$5.25(22M-52M)	Aug-Sep
Gulf	Algeria	\$12.50(18M)	August

*These ocean fixtures are based on full ship charters.

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